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## BOLD BANK ROBBERY.

A HOOSIER BANK TOUCHED FOR \$15,000.

A Thief Gets in the Vault While a Con federate Engages the Cashier—Mexican Revolutionists Win Another Victory—Accident on the Fort Wayne Road.

### THE BOLDEST ROBBERY

In the History of the Hoosier State.

The boldest robbery in the annals of crime in Indiana was committed at South Bend, the victim being the State Bank of the National Bank.

The amount taken was \$15,000. No clue to the identity of the robbers has yet come to light and they seem to have made good their escape.

The South Bend National Bank is located on North Michigan street, the first National Bank being just north of it, an iron fence joining them.

Shortly after noon the other day, while Cashier Campbell was absent at dinner, Assistant Cashier Kelley, who resides in the rear of the building, was called to his front door by a man who said he wanted to see him on some business. Just as he was about to appear at the bank building on the north and effected an entrance to the directors' room, pry open the window sash with a steel chisel. He then forced a heavy oak door and was immediately in front of the vault.

The outer vault door was open, but a two-inch middle door had been closed by Cashier Campbell. This yielded readily, the combination having for some reason failed to work, and before the robber stood the counter tray containing between three and ten thousand dollars. In the safe a total of \$14,000 was taken, and many thousands of small coins were scattered about.

The prime idea seemed to be to take as much as possible of the money in sight without arousing suspicion so as the robbers could have plenty of time to make good their escape. For this reason the counter tray, with its loose thousands, was undisturbed, the robber confined his hand to the safe, from which he took \$4,000 in yellow coin, about all he could carry, and \$1,000 in bills. No silver coin was touched.

The vault was then closed and the robber made his escape by means of a back door before Assistant Kelly had again passed through the building. The money was not disclosed until some time later. Cashier Campbell, however, from dimmed, and then information of the theft was suppressed for sometime in the hope that some clue to the robbers might be discovered.

### Mexican Revolutionists.

A special: A report was brought in recently that a body of Mexican troops, consisting of two officers and thirty soldiers, marching overland from the City of Chihuahua, to Acron, had been captured by rebels.

The Captain was killed and twenty-five soldiers deserted to the rebels. Reports of skirmishes are frequently circulated but the Government makes every effort to suppress information so that the out-side world may not realize the extent of the unrest of the people. In the present instance the report to secure possession of the State of Chihuahua. Organized mobs are in progress in Chihuahua, Sonora, Sinaloa and Guerrero. The revolution undoubtedly is of serious consequence.

### Solea Blown Up.

The Tannino frame block at Ossian, Ind., which had been leased by a Bluffton man for a saloon, was blown up by dynamite. The noise of the explosion was deafening and the building was left a total wreck. The roof was blown off and the front went out in the street in splinters. The people of Ossian are opposed to saloons and it is difficult to find out who did the job.

### Help for Destitutes in Michigan.

Gov. Rich of Michigan, says that it was not improbable that a special session of the Legislature would be called to consider the matter of relief for the Upper Peninsula miners. It is estimated that \$15,000 will be needed to tide them over until May 1. He is preparing to go and make personal investigation, and will decide about a special session on his return.

### An Accident on the Fort Wayne Road.

At Helena, Ohio, a small station on the Pennsylvania Railroad, a freight containing seven people was struck by a freight train. The occupants jumped and escaped serious injury except Mrs. W. H. K. Gossard, who remained in the coach until it was overturned and received injuries which will probably prove fatal.

### Many Lives Lost by Storm in Japan.

According to Oriental newspapers a heavy gale in Shiman Prefecture, Japan, did great damage to lives and property. On a small vessel twenty-nine persons were lost.

### A Steamer Abandoned.

The big steamer, F. W. Wheeler, ashore three miles east of Michigan City, Ind., has been abandoned as a total wreck and the wrecking expedition was sent back to Chicago. Next spring an effort will be made to repair her machinery, but that is all which will be worth saving.

### He Had a Roll.

At Indianapolis, Joseph Heitch, a Hebrew, died recently, and \$34,000 in gold was found concealed in his house.

### Sues Her Father for Damages.

An unusual case has been placed on trial at Warren, Ohio. Elizabeth Kilbom, of Bristol, sued William Noble, her father, for \$1,000 damages for having, as she alleged, maltreated her and turned her from his home. The defendant claims that the plaintiff's conduct was such as to render him in moderately chastising her, and some sensational testimony touching upon that point has been introduced.

### Big Express Contract.

John J. Valentine, president of the Wells Fargo Express Company, has secured a contract with the Southern Pacific for using their lines in California for a term of twenty-one years, paying therefor \$1,700, \$60 and 40 per cent of the gross earnings of the express company.

### Death on a Trestle.

At thirteen people were walking over a street railway trestle from a party in the east end of East Liverpool, O., at 1 o'clock in the morning, they were run down by a car on an electric street car, and one woman was instantly killed and several wounded.

### Perished in the Flames.

At Langdon, Pa., we swept away six dwellings. Four were occupied. Jacob Gandy's 6-year-old child perished in the flames. In one of the houses Mrs. Joseph McGuire lost \$1,500 in cash. The loss of the buildings is \$30,000.

## MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

The President Submits His Annual Address.

## REVIEW OF AFFAIRS.

## HAWAII TO RECEIVE ATTENTION LATER.

Our Relations with Foreign Powers—Finances of the Government—Work of the Several Departments—Advised Delay in Dealing with the Currency Subject—Passage of the Wilson Tariff Measure Is Recommended—Course of the Pension Bureau Approved, Etc.

President Cleveland's message to the fifty-third Congress in regular session was delivered to that body without delay on its assemblage at Washington. The organization of both branches having been effected at the late hour, the controversy involved in the first conflict. The two countries in connection with the Nicaraguan Canal were not molested. Our relations with Mexico continue to be of the most friendly and amicable character, always characterized by the intercourse of two neighboring republics. The work of regulating the two countries from Paso del Norte to the Pacific is now nearly completed. The conditions of 1880 and 1889, it is expected will settle disputes arising out of the shifting limits of the Rio Grande River of El Paso.

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